

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the Sequence Listing that was filed with the application with the attached Second Substitute Sequence Listing, file name “MBI-0022CIP_3_ST25.txt”, which is 176 kb in size and was created on January 18, 2008.

Please replace the paragraph on page at line with the following amended paragraph:

In yet another example, Gilmour et al. (1998, *Plant J.* 16: 433-442) teach an *Arabidopsis* AP2 transcription factor, CBF1 (SEQ ID NO: 96), which, when overexpressed in transgenic plants, increases plant freezing tolerance. Jaglo et al. ((2001) *Plant Physiol.* 127: 910-917) further identified sequences in *Brassica napus* which encode CBF-like genes and that transcripts for these genes accumulated rapidly in response to low temperature. Transcripts encoding CBF-like proteins were also found to accumulate rapidly in response to low temperature in wheat, as well as in tomato. An alignment of the CBF proteins from *Arabidopsis*, *B. napus*, wheat, rye, and tomato revealed the presence of conserved consecutive amino acid residues, PKK/RPAGRxFxETRHP (SEQ ID NO: 114) and DSAWR (SEQ ID NO: 115), that bracket the AP2/EREBP DNA binding domains of the proteins and distinguish them from other members of the AP2/EREBP protein family. (See Jaglo et al. *supra*.)